

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING BROADCAST GROUP DATA

5

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method and apparatus for providing broadcast group data within a communication system begins when a subscriber unit (28 – 32, 38 – 42) provides a data service message to a data gateway (12). The data service message includes identity of a subscriber unit, a data selection, and identity of at least one targeted host (e.g., a computer that stores the requested data) (22 – 26). Upon receiving the data service message, the data gateway (12) interprets it to determine whether the request is for an individual data broadcast or group data broadcast. When the data broadcast is for a group data broadcast, the data gateway temporarily stores the identity of the subscriber unit and the identity of the targeted host. Having done this, the data gateway (12) obtains the data from the targeted host and provides it to the requesting subscriber unit and other subscriber units that are currently involved in a group voice call with the requesting subscriber unit.